

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS FOR THE 2009 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, Fauquier County has a variety of issues and interests which require legislative action by the Virginia General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) has requested submission of such legislative proposals for consideration in the 2009 VACo Legislative Program; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Board of Supervisors may revise its Legislative Program to include additional legislative priorities and issues; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors this 11th day of September 2008 That the Board of Supervisors' 2009 Legislative Program be, and is hereby, adopted as follows:

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:

Education Funding:

- ✓ Fauquier County supports fair-share state funding for public education to include the full funding of the Standards of Quality.
- ✓ Fauquier County encourages recognition by the Commonwealth that its current policy of using full assessed value in the calculation of the Composite Index penalizes localities that employ land use valuation, and is inconsistent with its land preservation goals and policies.
- ✓ Fauquier County seeks the establishment of an appeals process for local governments to challenge the computation of their Composite Indexes.
- ✓ Fauquier County seeks continued and increased state funding to assist localities with school-related capital costs.
- ✓ Fauquier County supports continued implementation of Cost-of-Competing funding.

Unfunded Mandates

- ✓ Fauquier County strongly opposes the continued imposition of unfunded state mandates upon local governments—particularly in the areas of the Standards of Quality, teacher salaries, increases in the local share of road maintenance, state and federally-imposed environmental mandates and costs related to the Comprehensive Services Act.

Local Government Revenue, Land Use and Zoning Authority

- ✓ As a general policy position, Fauquier County opposes any measure that would eliminate or reduce any local government zoning, land use or revenue authority.
- ✓ Fauquier County supports the position of the Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association on SB768. The County believes that local governing bodies are in the best position to determine which tools will work most effectively for each situation they face.

The County supports the creation of fair and equitable impact fee legislation allowing localities to implement cash proffers and impact fees simultaneously, with provisions that give full credit for cash proffers agreed to in the rezoning process to any same-facility impact fee adopted by a locality.

- ✓ Fauquier County supports the general concept of Urban Development Areas and more concentrated development. However, the County recognizes a potential conflict between this legislation and the Department of Environmental Quality's regulation requiring sewage treatment plants to be expanded to the fully permitted capacity by 2010. The County supports a legislatively enacted extension to the Department of Environmental Quality's regulation.
- ✓ Fauquier County requests the authority to develop and implement a Transfer of Development Rights Banking Program similar to the authority granted to Albermarle County in the 2008 General Assembly Session.

Purchase of Development Rights and Conservation

- ✓ Fauquier County supports increased State funding for the purchase of conservation easements and other land conservation needs.

Water Resources

- ✓ Fauquier County supports a comprehensive, state-funded study of the Commonwealth's surface and groundwater resources.

Libraries

- ✓ Fauquier County supports full funding of the state aid formula for public libraries, and increased funding for library technology.

Economic Development

- ✓ Fauquier County supports the amendment of Section 58.1-3506 of the *Code of Virginia* to add privately owned motor coaches with a seating capacity of not less than 16 persons, including the driver, registered in the Commonwealth and used exclusively for rent, hire or charter for the transportation of passengers for compensation whereby the primary purpose of the operation is the passengers' experience and enjoyment and or the promotion of tourism to the list of items considered a separate class of property for local taxation purposes.

Transportation Priorities

- ✓ Fauquier County encourages the Commonwealth to address the annual shortfall of road maintenance funding, which continues to negatively effect capital funding for secondary roads and streets.

- ✓ Fauquier County supports adjustments to the formula for distribution of road construction funding statewide to reflect the disproportionate burden on faster-growing areas.
- ✓ Fauquier County supports continued, adequate funding for the Revenue Sharing Program.
- ✓ Fauquier County supports State funding for the following top three transportation priorities:
 - a. Relocation and reconstruction of Route 215 from Route 15/29 to Vint Hill. Completion of design work for the ultimate interchange at Route 215 and Routes 15/29.
 - b. Spot safety adjustments and intersection improvements (including turn lanes and signalization) in the corridor between Route 15/29 and the Prince William County border.
 - c. Construction of the Opal Interchange at Routes 15/29/17.

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